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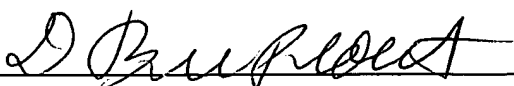
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Enclosed are four (4) sheets of drawings for this application. They are submitted as formal drawings to replace the corresponding informal drawings as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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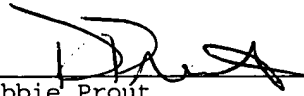
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

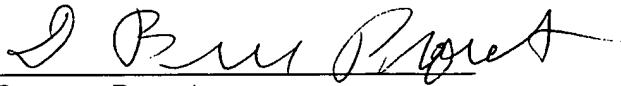
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Applicant believes the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are unnecessary. The applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While applicant agrees that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce with each statement in the reasons for allowance, that patentability requires each stated feature exactly as expressed by the Examiner, nor that each stated feature is required for patentability.

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